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Senior Leadership Update

EPA takes important step to further protect children from exposure to lead-contaminated dust

On Friday Administrator Wheeler, along with Housing and Urban Development Secretary Ben Carson, announced new, tighter sta floors and window sills to protect children from the harmful effects of lead exposure.

"EPA is delivering on our commitment in the Trump Administration's Federal Lead Action Plan to take important steps to reduce of EPA Administrator Wheeler. "Today's final rule is the first time in nearly two decades EPA is issuing a stronger, more protective stand child care facilities across the country.

To learn more, please read the associated press release. To see pictures from the event, please see the Lead Dust Rule event pl



Administrator Wheeler signs the final Affordable Clean Energy rule

EPA issued, on June 19, the final Affordable Clean Energy (ACE) rule – replacing the prior administration's overreaching Clean Pethat restores the rule of law and empowers states to continue to reduce emissions while providing affordable and reliable energy f

June 19's actions are the culmination of a review of the CPP, which was done in response to President Trump's Executive Order Independence and Economic Growth. The actions also follow challenges from a large number of states, trade associations, rural curions who argued that the CPP exceeded EPA's authority under the Clean Air Act, and an unprecedented stay of the CPP by the

"Today, we are delivering on one of President Trump's core priorities: ensuring the American public has access to affordable, relia continues our nation's environmental progress," said EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler. "Unlike the Clean Power Plan, ACE additives states the regulatory certainty they need to continue to reduce emissions and provide a dependable, diverse supply of electrafford. When ACE is fully implemented, we expect to see U.S. power sector CO2 emissions fall by as much as 35 percent below 2

To learn more about this ACE announcement, please read the associated <u>press release</u> or watch the <u>video of the ACE signing event</u>, please visit the <u>Ace Announcement event photo gallery</u>.



Hot Topics

Final week: Have you seen your office's EVS Response Rate?

As of today, June 24, EPA had an overall 49 percent response rate for the 2019 Employee Viewpoint Survey (EVS). EPA continues to surpass the overall government response rate of 33 percent.

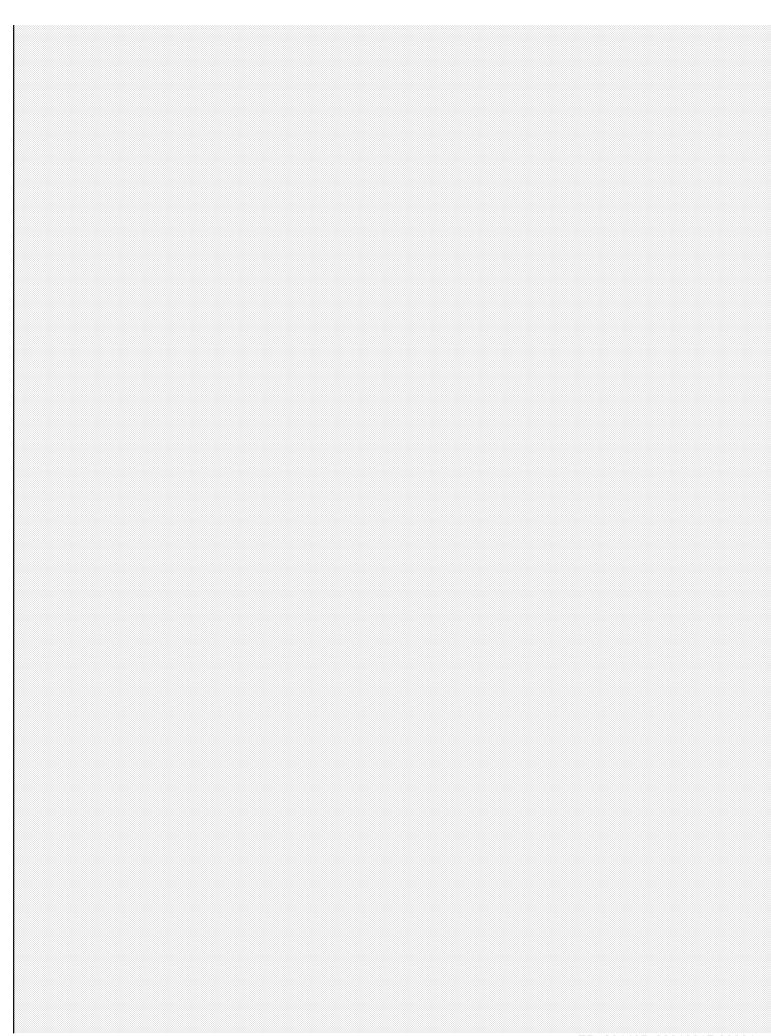
For the response rate on June 24, the top three EPA offices are:

- 1.) Region 6 with 78 percent.
- 2.) Region 7 with 63 percent.
- 3.) Region 10 with 60 percent

For the latest office level results, see the Response Rate Section on the EVS SharePoint Site.

Eligible employees now have until **Thursday**, **June 27 at 11:59 p.m. EDT**, to complete the survey. Please contact <u>EVEP@opm.g</u> your survey invitation.

EPA launches 'Green Interns Program' for fall 2019



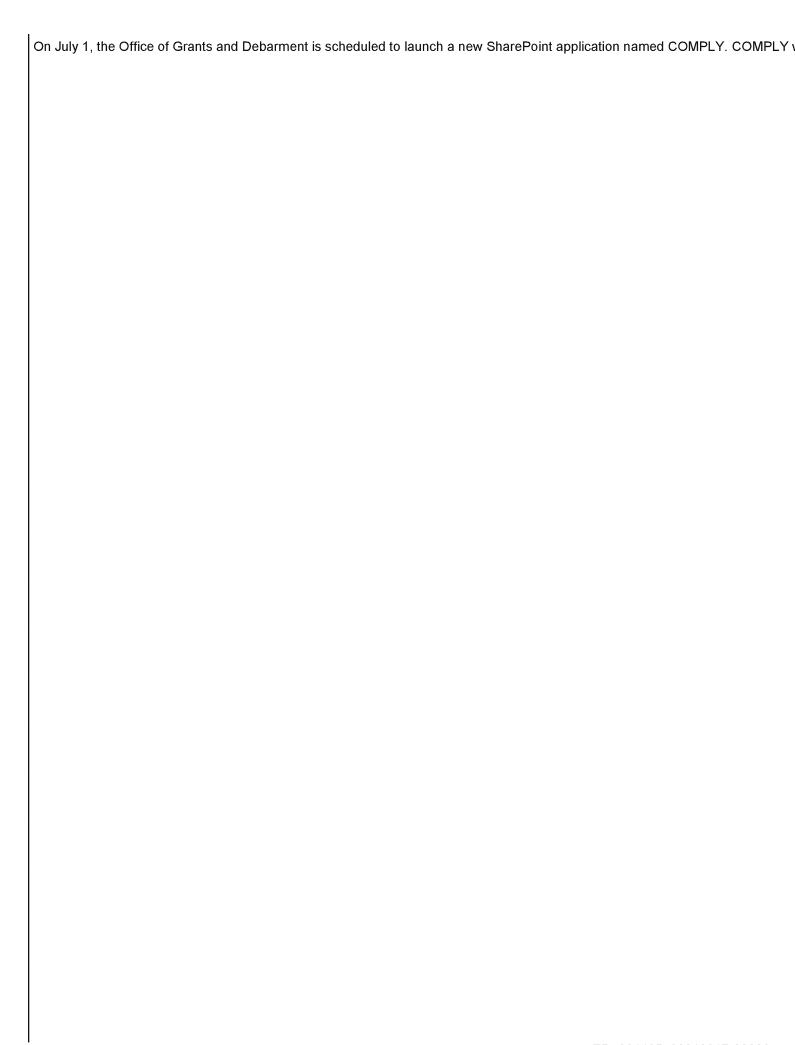
EPA is establishing the <u>Green Interns Program</u> to cultivate a collection of the best qualified candidates to fulfill mission critical occ September 30, recent graduates will have an opportunity to serve their country through a career in the federal government, while experience and knowledge of environmental issues. EPA's new program creates pathway to civil service for recent graduates.

Green Interns Program participants will be entitled to several benefits including: federal health insurance, the Thrift Savings Plan, a transit subsidy, and more. Throughout the program, interns will be supported through mentoring, formal interactive training, and Plan. After completing the program, participants may be converted into permanent federal employees.

To be eligible for the program, candidates must have earned associate's, bachelor's, master's, professional, doctorate, vocational certificates from qualifying institutions and programs within the previous two years. Veterans are eligible to apply up to six years at certificate. Preference eligible veterans can apply two years after release or discharge from active duty.

To learn more about the program and how to apply, please read the associated <u>press release</u>.

The new COMPLY App



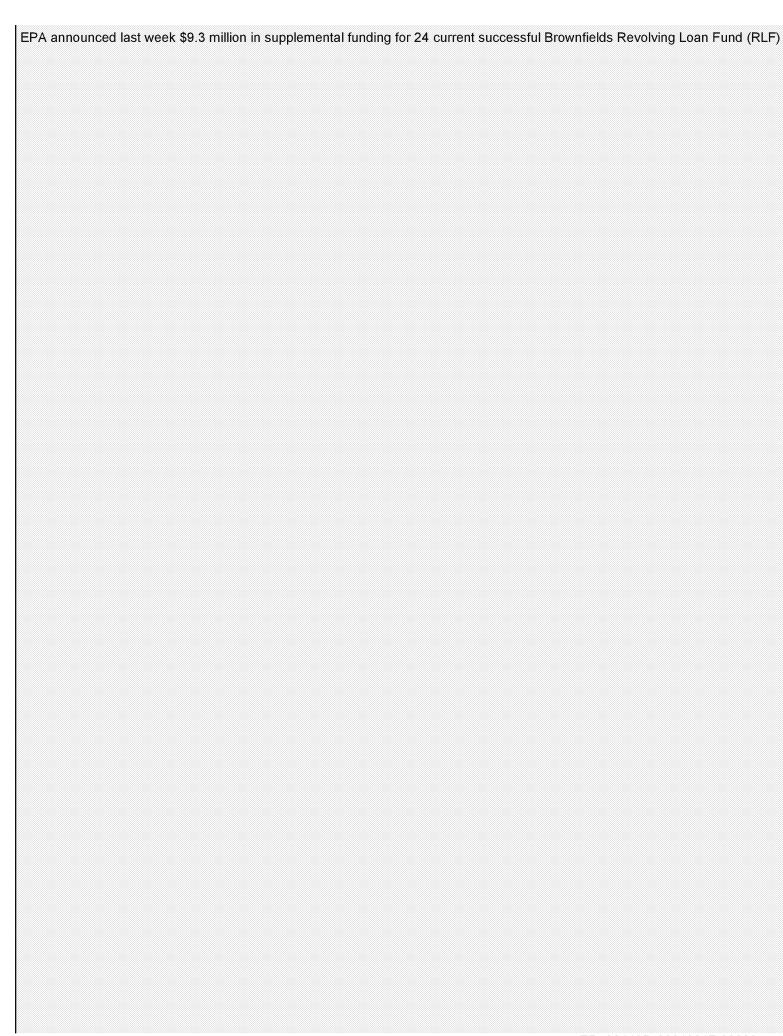
Compliance & Recipients Activities (GCRA) database in Lotus Notes and will serve as the agency's central repository for all EPA activities. The benefits of the new system include:

- Centralized grantee compliance information.
- · Increased administrative and programmatic capabilities.
- · Detailed and accurate reporting via Sam.gov.

Below are a few key pointers:

- To learn more about the use and functionality of the COMPLY App, register for an upcoming training webinar.
- Click here to review the online resources and guidance documents on the COMPLY Reference site.
- Please contact Kysha Holliday or Kevin Wilson if you have any questions.

EPA announces \$9.3 million in supplemental funding for the Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund



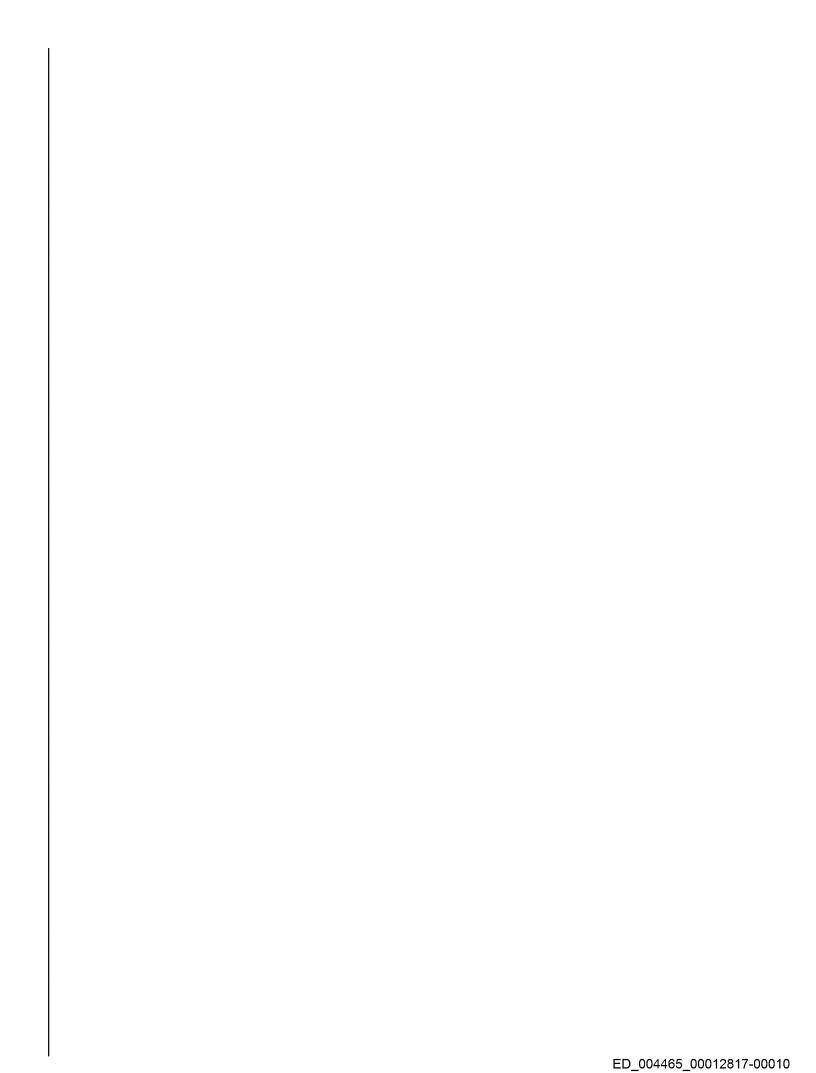
funds announced today are going to communities that have demonstrated success in using their RLF funds to clean up and redev funds will be used to continue their progress in reusing vacant and abandoned properties and turning them into community assets and open space, health facilities, social services, and commerce opportunities.

"This Brownfields supplemental funding will provide 24 communities with a proven track record of success additional resources to revitalizing their local economy and improving the health and wellbeing of the community," said EPA Administrator Andrew Wheelethat a majority of communities receiving these supplemental funds have Opportunity Zones within their jurisdiction, which means we most in need."

Recipients of EPA's Brownfields RLF funding provide low-interest loans and sub-grants to carry out cleanup activities at brownfield repaid, the loan amount is returned into the fund and re-lent to other borrowers, providing an ongoing source of capital within a cograntees across the country have completed 694 cleanups and attracted approximately 42,000 jobs and \$8 billion in public and providing an ongoing source of capital within a cograntees across the country have completed 694 cleanups and attracted approximately 42,000 jobs and \$8 billion in public and provide low-interest loans and sub-grants to carry out cleanup activities at brownfield repaid, the loan amount is returned into the fund and re-lent to other borrowers, providing an ongoing source of capital within a cogrant experience of capital within a cogrant experience across the country have completed 694 cleanups and attracted approximately 42,000 jobs and \$8 billion in public and provided for the country have completed 694 cleanups and attracted approximately 42,000 jobs and \$8 billion in public and provided for the country have completed 694 cleanups and attracted approximately 42,000 jobs and \$8 billion in public and provided for the country have completed 694 cleanups and attracted approximately 42,000 jobs and \$8 billion in public and provided for the country have completed 694 cleanups and attracted approximately 42,000 jobs and \$8 billion in public and provided for the country have completed 694 cleanups and attracted approximately 42,000 jobs and \$8 billion in public and provided for the country have completed 694 cleanups and attracted approximately 42,000 jobs and \$8 billion in public and \$8 billi

To learn more about this supplemental brownsfield funding, please see the related press release.

Making connections to turn food waste into energy



133 billion pounds of food at the retail and consumer level in the United States goes uneaten. The accumulated total value of that main food groups consists of \$48 billion worth of poultry, meat, and fish, \$30 billion of vegetables, and \$27 billion in dairy products Research Service)

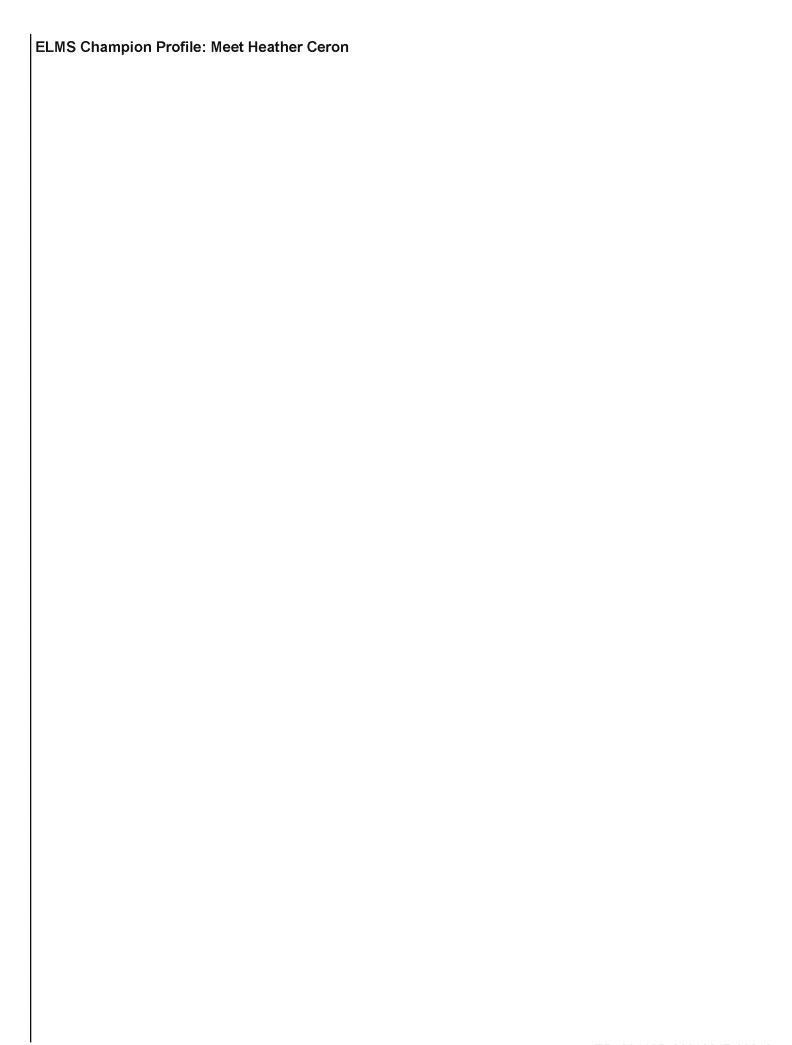
Food waste is the single largest component of our daily trash.

Decomposing food not only takes up significant amounts of space in landfills, but produces methane, a potent gas that traps heat the planet. That's where EPA comes in.

"Reducing food waste and redirecting excess food to people, animals, or energy production provide immediate benefits to public hoted EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler in early April as he joined with federal partners at the Food and Drug Administration and Agriculture to recognize April as Winning on Reducing Food Waste Month.

One winning resource is already helping: The <u>agency's interactive Excess Food Opportunities Map</u>, which identifies and displays generators and recipients of excess food. The map inspired Brett Reinford, a second-generation farmer in Pennsylvania, to build a that turns waste into energy. To learn more, please see the <u>full article</u> on <u>EPA's Science Matters site</u>.

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The Office of Continuous Improvement launches its newest profile series this week fea	ituring ELMS Champions and ELMS Coord
continuously improve and systematically achieve measurable results throughout EPA.	Check out our first spotlight featuring Heat

Intern Spotlights

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School & State: Syracuse University; Syracuse, New York.
Major(s)/Minor(s): Political Science, Forensic Science.
Extracurriculars: I serve as a writing and English tutor at the Syracuse University Writing Center as well as for a private company in my hometown. I have also participated in a mock trial as well as political hearings within the Maxwell School and coordinate speakers for such events.

Host Office: Office of Public Affairs.

Intern Responsibilities: Monitoring and compiling lists of media coverage of agency policy, as well as assisting in monitoring interviews with agency officials and staff. I often gather daily news clips pertaining to the EPA and subsequent agency policies and disburse them amongst the Office of Public Affairs.

To learn more about Kelly, please see her Delve profile.

School and State: Bridgewater State University (BSU), Bridgev Major(s)/Minor(s): Strategic Communications, Major; Public Restracurriculars: Summer Ranger at Tully Lake Campground, Services and Connect Card Office, President of BSU Chapter of Society of America.

Host Office: Office of Public Affairs

Intern Responsibilities: As part of the Office of Public Affairs, with my three fellow interns: scanning the media for EPA-related and organizing that information, writing the White House Report guests into meetings on occasion. I am also responsible for writ lists, and creating social media content when needed.

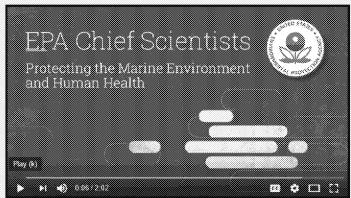
To learn more about Emily, please see her <u>Delve profile</u>.

Do you have an intern you'd like us to feature? If yes, please responses to the above fields (name, school, majors, extracurric responsibilities) to internalcomms@epa.gov.

Video Spotlight#1

EPA Chief Scientists: Keeping our oceans safe and clean

Under the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act (MPRSA), EPA is responsible for designating and managing

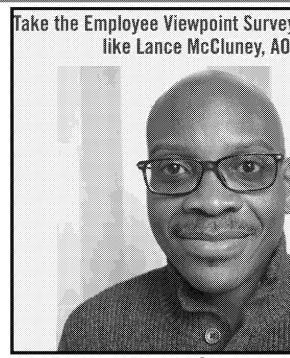


ocean disposal sites. These ocean disposal sites are primarily used for the disposal of dredged material and support the maintenance of critical ports and harbors nation-wide.

As an essential component of management, EPA chief scientists monitor the environment within and around each ocean disposal site to verify that permitted disposal does not cause unanticipated or significant adverse effects on human health, the marine environment, and other uses of the ocean, and that all the terms of MPRSA permits are met.

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EVS Sportight



Final week of the Employee Viewpoint Survey!

- The Employee Viewpoint Survey (EVS) is ongoing un 11:59 p.m. EDT.
- Please contact <u>EVEP@opm.gov</u> if you have not recei
- All permanent full and part-time EPA employees who 27, 2018, should have received an invitation to respon
- In case you missed it, see the <u>short video</u> on EVS def definitions infographic.
- Please contact Engagement@EPA.gov if you have a

For past years results, please visit EPA's EVS SharePoint site

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If you see a log-in screen, please click on your EPA email, or if prompted, enter your email and network password.

This week:

June 7 to June 24: Enterprise Content Management System Degradation

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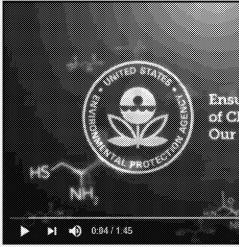
June 25: Introduction to Accessible Word Documents

June 27: Introduction to Section 508

Coming soon:

July 11: ELMS Overview

September 30: Mandatory Training deadline!



Ensuring the Safety of Chemicals in

Brief overview of how EPA works to ensure the sa Substances Control Act (TSCA).

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Health & Wellness

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Maintain a healthy weight

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 71 percent of adults in the United States who are 20 years of age and older are overweight or obese. In addition, more than 18 percent of children in the United States who are 6 to 11 years of age are obese. An unhealthy weight puts you at risk for chronic diseases and other health problems, such as diabetes

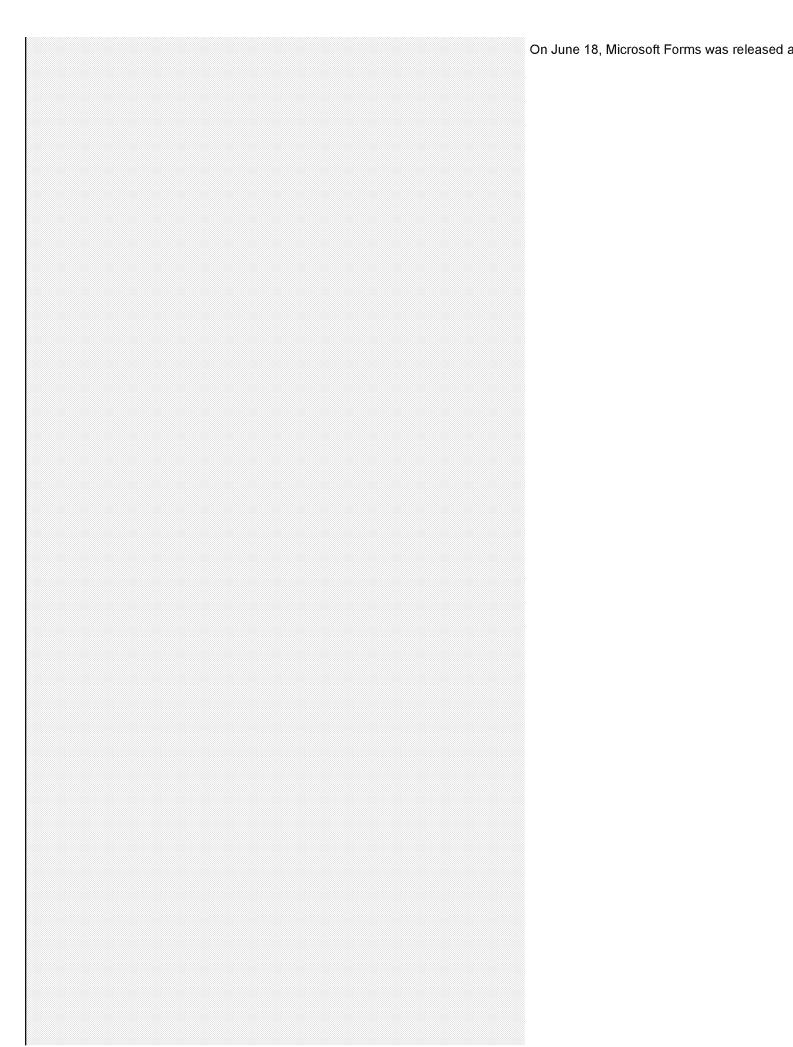


and high blood pressure. To achieve and maintain a healthy weight:

- Assess your weight by calculating your <u>body mass index</u>, body composition and waist circumference.
- Set realistic goals.
- · Eat a healthy, balanced diet.
- Balance the number of calories you consume with the number of calories you burn.
- Add regular <u>physical activity</u> to your daily routine.

For more information, visit the Weight Management page on the Safety and Sustainability Division's intranet site.

Microsoft Forms now available in Office



Office 365 (O365) Suite. Microsoft Forms is a create surveys, quizzes, and polls (and invite Forms can be added to websites, SharePoin results can be reviewed as they are submitte used to evaluate responses, and results can

Learn More!

- Forms Resources (intranet site).
- Frequent Questions.
- Get Started with Forms (Microsoft ar
- Training Webinar (June 27 @ 10:00a
- Check the EPA IT Training Calendar

"Liked the ease of creating a survey!!!" - EP.

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